associates have applied for permission to start operations under their brand name in India;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereof, and

(c) the modalities involved in the processing of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI. GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) A Hong Kong based company M/S. JMRPOO having Majority NRi equity holdings and minority equity of M/S. Coca-Cola South -Asia holdings, have recently submitted a proposal to Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) for setting up food processing unit in a backward district of Maharashtra in collaboration with M/S. Britania Industries Ltd., and a Maharashtra State Government Undertaking for manufacture of various types of snack food mainly for export, and non-alcoholic beverage bases/ blendings for domestic sale under registered trade marks 'Coca Cola', 'Fanta', 'Sprite', etc. The proposal is under examination of FIPB, which will be considered in consultation with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

[Translation]

Issue of Licences to Sugar Mills in Maharashtra

30. SHRI. VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licences issued to Sugar mills in Maharashtra since 1st January, 1991 till date;

(b) the number of applications lying pending for approval being processed at present, alongwith the districts where these are proposed to be set up;

(c) the number of applications rejected in the above said period, and

(d) the details of the criteria adopted for issue of these licences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI. TARUN GOGOI)(a) Since 1st January, 1991, 2 Letters of Intent have been issued upto 31.10.1991 for establishment of new sugar factories in the State of Maharashtra.

(b) The district-wise position of the 42 applications received since 1st January till 30th September, 1991, which are pending consideration for grant of letters of Intent/ Industrial licences for establishment of new sugar factories in the State of Maharashtra, is given in the Statement-I

(c) Nil.

(d) The aforesaid two letters of Intent were issued under the policy guidelines for the 7th Five Year Plan, a copy of which is given in the Statement-II,.

The Central Government have recently announced revised guidelines for the Sugar Year 1991-92 and the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-93-1996-97), a copy of which is given in the Statement —III,.

STATEMENT -I

Sl. No.	*Name of District*	*No. of application pending consideration*
1.	Parbhani	1

Sl. No.	*Name of District*	*No. of application pending consideration*
2.	Kolhapur	2
3.	Beed	3
4.	Aurangabad	6
5.	Chandrapur	1
6.	Osmanabad	1
7.	Gadchiroli	1
8.	Latur	2
9.	Sangli	2
10.	Ahmednagar	2
11.	Solapur	5
12.	Amravati	1
13.	Yavatmal	2
14.	Pune	2
15.	Jalna	3
16.	Satara	2
17.	Jalgaon	1
18.	Nanded	3
19.	Buldhana	2
	Total	42

STATEMENT-II

Government of India
Ministry of Industry
Department of Industrial Development

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Press Note No.1
(1987 Series)

Subject: Guidelines for licensing of new and expansion of existing sugar factories during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Government have decided to grant Industrial Licences under the Industries (Development and Regulation)Act, 1951 for the establishment and expansion of sugar factories in areas of assured sugar cane availability with

potential for further development of sugar cane.

2. The broad guidelines that will be followed in this regard are as under:-

(1) The Policy followed during the Sixth Plan period viz. grant of licences for the establishment of new sugar factories in the cooperative Sector followed by the public Sector, will continue in the Seventh Plan. However, in areas where proposals from these two sectors are not received, the proposals from the private sector would be considered.

(2) The basic criterion for establishment of a new sugar unit would be the adequate availability of sugar cane in a compact area around the proposed factory site. The potential for cane cultivation would be only an additional factor.

(3) where there are a large number of sugar factories located in one district, State Governments should make proper zoning of sugar cane areas for each existing sugar factory before a request for expending the capacity of any existing factory or installation of any new sugar factory in that district is considered. State Governments have been delegated with powers to regulate reservation of such areas under the Sugar cane (Control) Order, 1966.

(4) To ensure supply of adequate availability of sugar cane for existing capacity as well as for future expansion, no licence would normally be granted for the establishment of new sugar factories within a radius of 40 Kms. of an existing unit.

(5) In regard to the initial licensed capacity of new sugar units and expansion of existing units to be licensed during the Seventh Plan Period, the new units would be licensed for an initial capacity of 2500 T.C.D. and expansion of existing units would be allowed upto 3500 T.C.D. subject, however, to the availability of adequate sugar cane.

Expansion of capacity of existing units would be permitted upto a maximum of 5000 T.C.D. provided that the additional requirements of sugar cane above 350 T.C.D. accrue through increased productivity and not by expansion of area under sugar cane.

(6) Licensing of new sugar units in backward area will be given priority subject to adequate availability of sugar cane and techno-economic viability.

(7) Industrial licence applications for the establishment of new sugar factories as well as expansion of existing units should be submitted to the State Government for onward transmission to the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals in the Department

of Industrial Development. Tha State Governmant, whila forwarding the applications, should give their specific recommandations alongwith clear and comprehensive details of sugarcane availability position in the proposed factory area.

Sd/-
(P.K.S. Iyer)
Director

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Press Information Bureau is requested kindly to give wide publicity to the above Press Note.

Press Information Bureau,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi.

STATEMENT-III

Government of India
Ministry of Industry
Department of Industrial Development

PRESS NOTE NO.16

(1991 Series)

Subject: Guidelines for licensing of new and expansion of existing sugar factories for the Sugar Year 1991-92 and the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-93-1996-97).

A. The Government of India have reviewed the Guidelines for licensing of new and expansion of axisting sugar factories issued vide this Mysteries Press Note No.4 (1990 Series) dated 23.7.1990. In supersession of the aforesaid Press Note, Government have formulated the following revised guidelines:-

(1) Naw sugar factories will continue to be licensed for a minimum economic capacity of 2500 tonnes cane crush per day (TCD). There will not be any maximum limit on such capacity. However, in arees specified as industrially backward areas by the Government of India and certified by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to be agro-climatically suited for development of sugarcane, licensing of new sugar factories in the co-operative and public sectors would be allowed for an initial capacity of 1750 TCD subject to the condition that the units would expand their capacity to 2500 TCD within a period of 5 years of going into production.

(2) Licences for new sugar factories will be issued subject to the condition that the distance between the proposed new sugar factory and an existing/already licensed suger factory should be 25 kilometers. This distance criterion of 25 kms could, however, be relaxed to 15 kilometers in special case where cane availability so justified.

(3) The basic criterion for grant of licences for new sugar units would be their viability, mainly from the point of view of cane availability and potential for development of sugarcane.

(4) All new licences will be issued with the stipulation that cane price will be payable on the

basis of sucrose content of sugarcane.

(5) Other things being equal, preference in licensing will be given to proposals from the Co-operative Sector and the Public Sector, in that order, as compared to the Private Sector. In case more than one application is received from any zone of operation, priority will be given to the application received earlier. However, in such cases also, preference will be given to the Co-operativa Sector, followed by the Public Sector and tha Private Sector, in that order, even though the applications of the first two sectors may be of a later data.

(6) Priority will continue to be given to sugar factories with capacity less than 2500 TCD to expand to the aforesaid minimum economic capacity.

(7) While granting licences for new units and expansion projects, the additional capacity to be created up to the end of the Eighth Plan, i.e. 1996-97, will be kept in view.

(8) While granting licences for new sugar factories, industrial licences in respect of downstream units for the use of molasses i.e. industrial alcohol etc. will be given readily.

B. Applications for licences will be initially screened by the Screening Committee of the Ministry of Food, while considering such applications, the comments of the State Governments/Union Territory Administration concerned would also be obtained. The State Government/Union Territory Administration would be required to furbish their comments within 3 months of the receipt of communication from the Ministry of Food.

C. Applications for grant of industrial licences for the establishment of new sugar factories was will as expansion of existing units should be submitted directly to the Secretarial for Industrial Approvals in the Department of Industrial Development in Form IL alongwith the prescribed fee fo Rs. 2500/. A copy of the applicetion may also be sent to Ministry of Food.

D. The procedure and guidelines, as given above, are brought to the notice of the entrepreneurs for their information and guidance.

Sd/-
(S. Bhavani)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Principal Information Officer,
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New Delhi.

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Review of Norms for Licensing

31. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have